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The reply filed 11 November 2010 is acknowledged.

1. ☐ The reply filed on or after the date of filing of an appeal brief, but prior to a final decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, will not be entered because:

a. ☐ The amendment is not limited to canceling claims (where the cancellation does not affect the scope of any other pending claims) or rewriting dependent claims into independent form (no limitation of a dependent claim can be excluded in rewriting that claim). See 37 CFR 41.33(b) and (c).

b. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence is not timely filed before the filing of an appeal brief.
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2. ☐ The reply is not entered because it was not filed within the two month time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.39(b), 41.50(a)(2), or 41.50(b) (whichever is appropriate). Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are not available.

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3. ☒ The reply is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

4. ☒ Other: Claims 1, 8, 13, 20, 27 have been amended to overcome the 101 rejection, however the amendment does not affect the prior art rejection made on claim 1 nor other claims. Claims 1-31 are in condition for appeal.

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